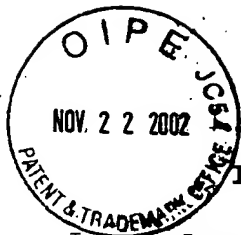


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on November 22, 2002. Therefore, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

**AMENDMENT**

In the Claims:

Please cancel <sup>✓</sup>claims 2, 3 and 10 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend claim 1 as per attached with this response and